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DEP Employee's Baseball Team Wins National Title - Pete Dilima (front row, third from left) poses for a team picture with the North Yuma Yankees, a national level men's baseball team in the D.C. Metro Men's Senior Baseball League.

## For the Love of Baseball

Pete Dilima loves the game of baseball. Between playing, coaching and watching, most of his free time revolves around the sport. Dilima plays first base for the North Yuma Yankees, a national level men's baseball team in the D.C. Metro Men's Senior Baseball League (MSBL).

Last November, Dilima's team competed in the MSBL Fall Classic World Series in Clearwater, Florida. After winning eight straight games, the North Yuma Yankees became the first team in 12 years to go undefeated in the national tournament. With 105 teams competing from as far away as Puerto Rico, Nicaragua and even Russia, the team became the U.S. Champions for the 28 and over group. Dilima's personal stats were impressive – he batted .535 for the tournament with 17 RBI's, one homerun and no errors.

"Baseball has always been my passion. I grew up playing baseball and played one year for Montgomery College," said Dilima. He also humbly added that he was invited to try out for three major league teams – the Rangers, Pirates and Orioles. And, although he didn't make the

final cut for any of the teams, to be asked to try out for a major league ball club is something few people can boast about.

In addition to playing baseball several nights a week during the playing season and traveling around the country to compete in tournaments, the team finds time to volunteer their time in the community. Twice a year, they put on baseball clinics for handicapped and HIV-positive kids in the District of Columbia.

Dilima began his career with the County more than 16 years ago with the Department of Correction and Rehabilitation before moving to Environmental Protection. He works as a code enforcement inspector, investigating environmental crimes and illegal dumping. Dilima is married and has three children. His oldest daughter, 14, plays on the Good Counsel High School softball team and his son, 12, plays baseball for a select travel squad. His youngest child at three months old hasn't quite mastered the art of gripping a baseball

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## Take Our Daughters To Work

The 2002 *Take Our Daughters to Work* program will be held on Thursday, April 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. The program is designed for children, between the ages of 9 – 15. Registration is limited and pre-registration is required. Children may check in at the EOB cafeteria on the 25<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 8 a.m. The opening program will begin at 8:30 a.m.

Participants in this year's program will get an inside view of the many career and volunteer opportunities available in the field of fire and emergency medical services. The event will be held at the Public Service Training Academy on Darnestown Road at Great Seneca Highway.

Highlighting the program will be a demonstration by members of the Urban Search and Rescue Team and the canine unit that responded to the Pentagon on September 11. A Tactical Rescue Team will demonstrate high angle rescues, and there will be an exhibition of the HAZMAT Unit and the Arson Investigation Unit. Children will participate in a scaled-down version of the Candidate Physical Ability Testing required of Fire and Rescue recruits, and will observe the re-enactment of a vehicle collision and extrication. Children should be dressed appropriately for the weather and for physical activity.

For registration information, call the Commission for Women at 301-279-8301 or visit [www.co.mo.md.us/cfw](http://www.co.mo.md.us/cfw).

## Spring Forward Sunday, April 7

Don't forget to move those clocks forward for Daylight Savings Time – and while you're at it, change the batteries in your smoke detector!

## In Memoriam

Denise Foreman, Office of the County Executive, passed away on March 22.

Foreman, 42, had worked for the County since 1981. She began her career in the Department of Information Systems and Telecommunications as an operator on the County's switchboard, and has worked as an Information and Referral Aide in the County Executive's Office since 1996.

She is survived by one son, her mother and three sisters.

## Summer Camps

The Recreation Department offers hundreds of summer camps and playground programs throughout the County for ages five through teens, and the variety is endless. With summer rapidly approaching, it's not too early to start thinking about signing your kids up for one of these camps or playgrounds.

This year, for the first time, the schedule for summer camps and playgrounds is included in the Spring issue of the "Guide to Recreation and Leisure," which was issued in February. The Guide is available at all Montgomery County community centers, swim centers, senior centers, regional services centers and public libraries.

Residents can register via the Internet at [www.emontgomery.org](http://www.emontgomery.org), or by calling STARline at 240-777-8277. Registration forms may also be mailed to the Recreation Department, 12210 Bushey Dr., Silver Spring 20902, or dropped off at the department.

For more information, call 240-777-6930.

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bat. In his spare time, Dilima coaches the Good Counsel boys' baseball team.

For information and playing schedules on Dilima's baseball team, visit the website at [www.dcmsbl.com](http://www.dcmsbl.com).

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## Does Your Home Have Working Smoke Detectors?

Did you know that about two-thirds of our nation's fire deaths happen in the victim's own home, and that they tend to occur between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. when occupants are more likely to be asleep? In fact, most deaths occur from inhaling smoke or poisonous gases, not from the flames.

Recent surveys throughout the County have found that an alarming number of homes do not have adequate smoke alarm protec-

tion. All homes should have a smoke alarm installed outside of each sleeping area and on each additional level of your home.

For more information on smoke detectors and helpful tips, visit the Fire and Rescue Services website at [www.co.mo.md.us/services/dfrs](http://www.co.mo.md.us/services/dfrs). To schedule a free home safety survey, contact your local fire station or call Fire and Rescue Services Home Fire Safety Evaluation Hotline at 240-777-2476.

## Bike to Work Day 2002

Grab your bicycle and helmet on May 3 and join thousands of others in the Metropolitan Washington area for fun, breakfast and information at "Bike to Work Day 2002." This year, the event is nearly doubling in size with 11 pit stops throughout the Washington Metropolitan area. At each pit stop, cyclists and enthusiasts can enjoy a breakfast treat, participate in prize



drawings and get useful information and tips on biking to work. If your commute is a little too long to bicycle the entire way, Ride On buses with bicycle carriers will offer free rides to all participants.

For additional information about this event, log on to [www.waba.org](http://www.waba.org), or call Commuter Services at 301-565-5870.

## Serving Customers with Disabilities

### A Guide for County Employees

Does your department hold meetings or events open to the general community? If so, as a County employee it is your responsibility under the Americans with Disabilities Act to make sure that these meetings are accessible to everyone, including people with disabilities. Some key elements to keep in mind when planning a meeting include:

- Publicize on your meeting flyer or announcement a statement on how to request a sign language interpreter or other accommodation.
- Make sure that there is a level entry or ramp to the building and meeting room, with no obstacles blocking the pathway.
- Check to see that the restrooms are accessible for wheelchair users and that there

are designated accessible parking spaces, including van accessible spaces.

Additional information is available in a brochure entitled, *Serving Customers with Disabilities: A Guide for County Employees*, available through the Department of Health and Human Services Customer Services section at 240-777-1098 (voice) or 240-777-1398 (TTY) and on the County intranet site at <http://portal.mcgov.org>. Look in the section entitled, *ADA County Guidelines*. If you have questions or need further assistance, please call Nancy Greene, Montgomery County ADA Compliance Officer at 240-777-3247 (voice) or 240-777-1398 (TTY) or Betsy Tolbert Luecking, Program Manager and staff to the Commission on People with Disabilities at 240-777-1256 V/TTY.

### A reminder that the Language Links **Translation Help** to find translation help when you need it,

Directory of Translation Resources for County employees is available on the Intranet (<http://portal.mcgov.org>) by clicking the Language Links button on the left side of the screen. The resource guide offers information about a variety of ways

including sign language interpreters.

If hard copies are needed, they can be ordered directly from the County Print Shop, Judicial Center, room T-35. Call Rick Taylor at 240-777-6135 or Tommy Tucker at 240-777-6134.



# Employees Display True Holiday Spirit



For the sixth straight year, employees in the Department of Information Systems and Telecommunications (DIST) displayed their holiday spirit by organizing an auction to benefit Children's Hospital. Employees donated goods and services and raised more than \$3,946. Shown above presenting a check to representatives of Children's Hospital are (l to r): Alisoun Moore, DIST Director; Jamie King and Howard Silberstein, Children's Hospital; Bruce Romer, Chief Administrative Officer; Mike Knuppel, Sunil Pandya and Stan Waskiewicz, DIST employees.



The Montgomery County Council and its staff continued its holiday tradition—an annual charity campaign to assist worthy organizations. In 2001, more than \$1,935 was raised to benefit two organizations: Manna Food Center and the Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Association's Betty Ann Krahnke Fund. Shown above are: Joan Dye, National Chapter of the ALS Association; Wilson Krahnke, husband of former Councilmember Krahnke who suffers from ALS; Tom Lowry, Manna Food Center; Steve Farber, Council Staff Director; Steve Silverman, Council President; and Council staff members Sonya Healy, Carol Bowis, Gail Street, and Sherry Kinikin.

## HR Notes

### Office of Human Resources

#### Health Yourself Programs in Resource Library

Check out OHR's on-line Resource Library for current information and upcoming events from Health Yourself, Montgomery County's Employee Wellness Program. Go to [www.emontgomery.org/ohr/index\\_frameset.htm](http://www.emontgomery.org/ohr/index_frameset.htm), then click on Resource Library. Under Benefits, you will find links to the Health Yourself calendar, best prices for fitness centers and more.

#### Buying a New Home?

Thinking of buying a house for the first time or moving up to a bigger home? If so, remember that your bank or mortgage company will need verification of your employment. Please help us to serve you better by asking your mortgage lender to request the verification as early as possible in the lending process. Please allow at least five working days for us to complete the verification. Don't wait until the day before settlement! Questions? Call Records Management at 240-777-5112.

#### Earned Income Tax Credit

Call 1-800-492-0618 for guidelines on eligibility for the Earned Income Credit, a tax benefit for low and moderate-income workers. If you're eligible for the EIC, ask for information on free tax preparation assistance.

#### Blood Drive April 10

Blood donations are always needed, so please help if you can. A blood drive will be held Wednesday, April 10, in the EOB lobby auditorium from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Call 1-800-448-3543 to schedule an appointment.

#### Training Opportunities

The Benefits Team offers group insurance and Employee's Retirement System (ERS) workshops monthly. Check the Resource Library or training catalog for dates and times. These classes fill up quickly, so plan ahead and reserve your space. For employees who are required to have training on blood-borne pathogens, a new class is available for the first time in April. See OHR's Resource Library or training catalog for more information, and register for classes using the Automated Training Registration line at 240-777-5122.

**BASEMENT APT. FOR RENT**—Glenmont. Two bdr., 1 bath, kitchen, washer/dryer. Close to Metro and bus line. \$900/month, plus 1/3 electricity and one month security deposit. No pets or smoking. Call 301-933-0959.

#### TOWNHOUSE FOR RENT

-- Briggs Chaney Road and Rte. 29. Two bdr., 1.5 baths, good condition. Available 5/2. \$800/month, plus utilities. No smoking, no pets. Call 301-948-6516.

**'99 DODGE INTREPID**—charcoal gray. \$11,900. Call 301-318-5866.

**'99 OLDSMOBILE ALERO**—4-dr., auto, rear spoiler, CD & cassette player, PW, PD, security alarm, cruise control. 45k miles. Blue book value is \$11,890. Asking \$9,890/neg. Call 240-777-6281 or 301-371-0556.

**'94 TOYOTA COROLLA**—automatic. Good condition. \$5,000/best offer. Call 301-674-1608 or 301-773-6274.

**'00 YAMAHA MOTORCYCLE**—650 V-Star Cruiser Classic. Onyx color, Yamaha windshield, leather saddlebags and passenger backrest, two HJC helmets. Immaculate condition, 2k miles. \$4,400. Call 240-876-7899 or 301-253-1553.

## Backpage Bargains

County employees may submit ads, non-commercial only, with name and home and office phone number to Information Office, 4th floor, EOB. **Ads may appear one time only.** Deadline for the next issue is, May 3, 2002.

**BOAT**—'88 Cruisers, Inc. "Sea Devil." Twenty-six ft., sleeps two, single 5.7 liter engine w/bravo outdrive. New camper cover and bimini top, engine overhauled in 2001. Equipped with refrigerator, sink and head. Seats six comfortably. Housed in boatel and shrink wrapped every year. One owner, all maintenance records available. Runs great. \$11,850. Call Peggy, 410-313-8820.

**FOR SALE**—Queen size sleigh bed w/box spring and mattress, \$200. Busch entertainment center for 27" TV w/shelves/doors, \$25. Technique dual cassette deck, \$125. Call 240-777-6418.

**PIANO**—antique upright, great to excellent condition. \$800/best offer. You haul. Call 301-916-5186.

**SPEAKERS**—two Infinity Interlude 10 (IL10) shelf speakers (8.5"x12"x15"). Speaker stands included. Paid \$200 apiece in May 2000, will sell for \$125 ea. Call 240-777-5020.

**SKATES**—Inline hockey skates, size 5. Used for indoor hockey, good as new. Retail value is \$160, will sell for \$35. Call 240-777-8907 or 301-698-2559.

**LUGGAGE**—two-piece Hartford, brown tweed/leather. Medium bag (no wheels) and tote, \$100.

Small vinyl totes, \$5. Call Sara, 301-279-1017.

**FOR SALE**—pet carrier, \$10. Oak TV stand, \$10. Bathroom cabinet w/doors, \$15. Also, assorted decorative items and collectibles, prices vary. Call 240-777-4342 or 301-320-0537.

**FOR SALE**—X-Box video game—"CEL DAMAGE." New, unopened. Retail for \$49.99, will sell for \$40. Call Cyndi, 240-777-6089 or 301-947-8948.

**FOR SALE**—adult Iguana and aquarium w/heat lamps, fixtures and warm rocks. Friendly disposition. Needs home, owner is college bound. Best offer. Call Rich, 301-353-8535.

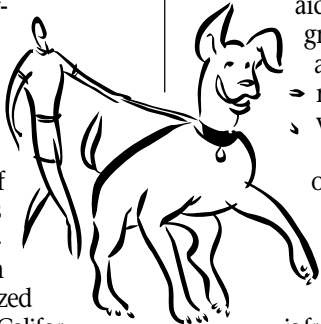
**CATS**—need loving home for two tabby cats, one 4-year-old female and one year and a half male. Both are caramel and white color. Free. Call 240-777-1043.

**WANTED**—townhouse or condo to purchase in Silver Spring/Wheaton area, with three bedrooms, one or more baths, under \$150,000. Call 240-777-4135.

## Paws in the Park

Join the Montgomery County Humane Society on Sunday, April 28 for its fourth annual "Paws in the Park" 5K Dog Walk at Wheaton Regional Park. Participants can walk with or without a dog. Proceeds from the walk will benefit the homeless animals of Montgomery County.

Based on the amount of pledges collected, participants will be eligible to receive an assortment of prizes, ranging from water bottles to breed personalized cookie jars. The grand prize of a California winery trip will be awarded to the person who collects the most pledges over \$1,000. Participants who raise at least \$500 will be entered in a drawing for a bonus prize.



In addition to the walk, other activities include canine games and contests, pet first aid demonstrations, breed rescue groups, Pentagon rescue workers and their dogs, music, refreshments, kids' scavenger hunt, vendor booths, and more.

The walk will be held rain or shine. Registration will begin at 10 a.m., followed by the walk at 11 a.m., beginning at the carousel entrance of the park on Shorefield Road. Pre-registration is free. However, registration on the day of the event will be \$15. To register online, go to: [www.mchumane.org](http://www.mchumane.org) or call Susan Share at 301-279-1969.



Get your taste buds ready for the annual Taste of Wheaton on Sunday, May 19 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., in downtown Wheaton. Once again, the annual event will feature some of the best American and ethnic restaurants in Wheaton with "tastes" going for \$1 each. The event will also include free children's activities, musical entertainment and a special appearance by Channel 9 Chief Meteorologist Topper Shutt.

## New Merit Protection Board Members

The members of the Merit System Protection Board for 2002 are: Robert C. Hamilton serving as chairperson, Harold D. Kessler serving as vice-chair and James B. McDaniel as an associate member.

The board's mission is to oversee the County's merit system and to

protect employees' rights under the system.

Offices of the Merit System Protection Board are located in the Council Office Building, suite 113. Hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The phone number is 240-777-6620.